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Granholt, Schauer to Discuss Economic Development at Town Hall Meeting

Governor Jennifer Granholm will join Senator Mark Schauer and other Calhoun County business and community leaders for an economic town hall in Battle Creek on Tuesday, February 22.

The meeting, hosted by Sen. Schauer and Battle Creek Unlimited, will be held from 5:15-6:30 pm at Duncan Aviation at the W.K. Kellogg Airport. During the forum, the Governor, along with business, governmental and economic development leaders, will discuss challenges facing the region as well as the Governor's plan for Michigan's future.

"We must ensure that every Michigan citizen has the opportunity to build a good life on the solid foundation of a good paying job," said Governor Granholm. "Our plan to meet that goal is to attract 21st century job providers to Michigan and make certain our workforce has the skills and education needed for the jobs of today as well as tomorrow."

In her recent State of the State address, the Governor outlined the *Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow* plan to that calls for an unprecedented \$2 billion investment in Michigan's economic future. Granholm also plans to create tens of thousands of jobs in the immediate future by accelerating work on needed and already- scheduled infrastructure improvement projects around the state.

"The Governor's plan for Michigan's economy depends on the success of our region," said Sen. Mark Schauer. "In the last few years we've experienced positive growth that I'm confident will continue and strengthen as her plan unfolds."

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Local and private investment in critical infrastructure projects is vital to the Jobs Today initiative, which the Governor is seeking from economic development groups such as Battle Creek Unlimited to provide that support.

"Our region is continuously diversifying and strengthening itself and its economy," said Jim Hettinger, President & CEO of Battle Creek Unlimited. "With our work and the support of the Governor and legislature that trend will continue in the coming years and I hope this dialogue will quicken that process."

Members of the press that are interested in attending the town hall should contact the Governor's Communications office at 517-335-6397 for more information and credentials.

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